

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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February 25, 2003

**FROM: THOMAS R. LAURIN, DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RE-DESIGNATION OF THE AGUA MANSA
RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT ZONE**

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution supporting re-designation of the Agua Mansa Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In 1985, the County of San Bernardino entered into a Joint Powers Agreement with the County of Riverside and the cities of Colton, Rialto, and Riverside to create the Agua Mansa Industrial Growth Association (AMIGA) as part of the application process to form an approximate 10,000-acre Agua Mansa Enterprise Zone located in a distressed area common to the five jurisdictions. The State's Department of Commerce approved the Agua Mansa Enterprise Zone On October 15, 1986. AMIGA is the governing body of the Zone and is comprised of an elected official from each of the five jurisdictions. The purpose of the Zone is to create jobs and expand the tax base by providing state tax incentives to employers within the Zone.

In 1990, California Senate Bill 1332 created the Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) Program. California Public Resources Code Section 42010 provides for the establishment of a Recycling Market Development Zone. The State established a limit of forty (40) Zones statewide, and on August 31, 1993, granted AMIGA's request for the Agua Mansa Recycling Market Development Zone to assist cities and counties in meeting the state-mandated 50 percent (50%) reduction in solid waste streams going to local and regional landfills. The original RMDZ overlaid the existing Agua Mansa Enterprise Zone and included approximately 10,000 acres.

In 1998, the RMDZ was expanded to include an additional 14,781 industrial acres within the City of San Bernardino. The RMDZ is dedicated to expanding secondary materials business enterprises by offering a variety of incentives provided by the State's California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB). The CIWMB provides low-interest loans and offers technical assistance for recycling uses, particularly to those businesses that utilize post-secondary consumer waste as raw material in their production processes. The program has been an effective economic development tool by attracting private sector recycling business investments to the area and promoting a balanced economic base in the community. In addition, it has established important partnerships with other agencies for the purpose of satisfying the mandates of the California Environmental Quality Act and waste reduction requirements.

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The Agua Mansa RMDZ designation will expire on March 31, 2003 unless re-designated by the CIWMB. A re-designation of the Agua Mansa RMDZ will continue to facilitate the planning, coordination, support and attraction of recovery-based businesses on a regional level. The re-designation approval process includes submitting a resolution of support from each participating jurisdiction of which there are six, due to the City of San Bernardino joining the RMDZ program. A resolution from the Agua Mansa Industrial Growth Association (AMIGA) which was adopted on January 9, 2003, will also be submitted. AMIGA supports the designation of the Economic Development Agency of Riverside County as the lead agency to coordinate, process, and execute all documents within the scope of the proposed RMDZ re-designation application. If the application is approved, the RMDZ will be extended another 10 years until March of 2013.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: The resolution has been reviewed by Deputy County Counsel, Michelle D. Blakemore on February 10, 2003, and Patricia M. Cole, Administrative Analyst III on February 10, 2003.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Adopting this resolution has no financial impact on the County of San Bernardino.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): 5th.

PRESENTER: Thomas R. Laurin, Director, 388-0808.

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